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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to an Examiner's first Action in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph at page 10, line 29:

The present invention addresses these and other needs, and offers other advantages over the current devices.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 20 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claim 20 is as follows:

20.(Amended) The magnetoresistive reader of claim 19 wherein the sensor has a thickness of about 400 angstroms.

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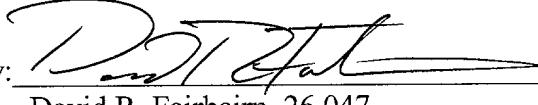
This Preliminary Amendment is submitted for entry in the above-identified application prior to an Examiner undertaking a first Action in connection therewith.

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**APPENDIX:
MARKED UP VERSION OF SPECIFICATION AND CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 20, such that pending claim 20 is as follows:

20. (Amended) The magnetoresistive reader of claim [18] 19 wherein the sensor has a thickness of about 400 angstroms.